

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the rejection of claim 14 set forth in the June 24, 2005 *Office Action*.

In the instant *Office Action*, the Examiner indicates that claims 1-14 are allowed, while rejecting only claim 15. In order to place this Application in condition for allowance, Applicants hereby cancel claim 15 without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, only allowed claims 1-14 remain pending in the instant Application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application now is in condition for allowance with all of the claims 1-14.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any fees which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, except for the Issue Fee, to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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